

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US04/29824

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC: H04L 12/26(2006.01),12/56(2006.01);H04M 7/00(2006.01)

USPC: 370/238,392;379/221.01

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 370/238,392;379/221.01

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

| Category * | Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages | Relevant to claim No. |
|------------|---|-----------------------|
| Y, E | US 7,020,087 B2 (STEINBERG et al) 28 March 2006 (28.03.2006), abstract, col.2, lines 59-67, col.3, lines 1-12, col.8, lines 7-67, col.9, lines 1-13, col.15, lines 4-14, 25-35. | 1-15 |
| Y, P | US 2004/0044466 A1 (NESBITT) 04 March 2004 (04.03.2004), paragraphs 0004-0011, 0042, 0058-0066, 0074-0075, 0090. | 1-15 |
| Y, E | US 2005/0083936 A1 (MA) 21 April 2005 (21.04.2005), paragraphs 0064, 0080. | 1, 6, 10, 15 |

Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

See patent family annex.

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Applicant

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 the international application in the language in which it was filed
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4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43 bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

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| Novelty (N) | Claims <u>1-15</u> | YES |
| | Claims <u>NONE</u> | NO |
| Inventive step (IS) | Claims <u>1-15</u> | YES |
| | Claims <u>NONE</u> | NO |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Claims <u>1-15</u> | YES |
| | Claims <u>NONE</u> | NO |

2. Citations and explanations:

Claims 1-15 meet the novelty under PCT Article 33(2) and inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) requirements.

Claims 1-15 meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(4) since the method of determining cost of the routing path can be made and/or used in the network routing and path selecting methods.